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SUBJ: FINAL UNROB DONOR'S MEETING

1. SUMMARY. MEETING OPENED WITH STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR LACOSTE, UNROB CHIEF OF DACCA, AND CONTINUED WITH PRESENTATION BY USYG SIR ROBERT JACKSON. HARVEST AND FOODGRAIN SITUATION CURRENTLY POSITIVE, AND UNROB PROCEEDING TO TERMINATION OF ACTIVITIES BY DECEMBER 31. END SUMMARY.

2. LACOSTE'S GENERAL STATEMENT POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO WIDESPREAD DEATHS BY STARVATION AND THAT NOW THE CRISIS SITUATION IS OVER. HE SAID THAT TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY TO GBD GOING WELL. IN ADDITION TO THANKING DONORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT HE CITED SUCCESSFUL COORDINATION OF UNICEF, WHO, IBRD, AND ICRC ACTIVITIES. THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF UNROB, HE SAID, HAS BEEN UNITY OF PURPOSE AND ACTION.

3. SIR ROBERT REVIEWED PRESENT SITUATION IN BD. THE RECENT HARVEST HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BEST IN HISTORY, AND RICE PRICES CONTINUE THE DOWNWARD TREND. THERE HAS BEEN A
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REDUCTION IN SMALLPOX. THE CHALNA CONSORTIUM IS PROCEEDING

TO CLEAR TWO MORE WRECKS FROM THE HARBOR. THE MAJOR PROBLEM HE MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH THE END OF UNROB ACTIVITIES WAS THE TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIGHTERING TO THE GBD.

4. JACKSON SAID THAT UNROB WILL CEASE ACTIVITIES OF 31 DECEMBER. HE HOPES THAT BY THE END OF MARCH THE FINAL AUDITING WILL BE COMPLETE. SOME OF THE UNROB EQUIPMENT IN DACCA, ESPECIALLY FOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO UNDP FOR THE USE OF THE UNHCR. SIR ROBERT ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WILL INDICATE WHAT LESSONS HAVE BEEN LEARNED IN PAST TWO YEARS THAT COULD HAVE RELEVANCE FOR SIMILAR OPERATIONS ELSEWHERE.

5. IN DISCUSSING PROBLEM OF REPATRIATION AND RESETTLEMENT JACKSON LIMITED HIMSELF TO COMMENT THAT IN NEXT TEN DAYS HE WOULD BE RECEIVING PLANS AND PROPOSALS OF BD AND PAKISTAN. FYI. HE TOLD MISOFF THAT HE HAS SEEN PLAN OF GBD AND SAYS THAT IT NEEDS CONSIDERABLE REFINEMENT AND THAT PAKISTANI PROPOSAL IS LIKELY TO BE SIMILAR. HE INTENDS TO PRESS SYG NOT TO ACCEPT ANY OBLIGATION TO IMPLEMENT PLAN BUT MERELY TO ENDORSE THE REFINED VERSION. END FYI.
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